



# The Parish Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr B/2

Child Protection Sunday



## Entrance Antiphon:

*Ps 118: 137, 124*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## 1st Reading: *Isaiah 35:4-7*

The blind shall see, the deaf hear,  
the dumb sing for joy

## Responsorial Psalm:

*Psalm 145(146):7-10*

Praise the Lord, my soul!

## 2nd Reading: *James 2:1-5*

God chose the poor according to the world to be rich in faith

## Gospel Acclamation:

*Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!**

## Gospel: *Mark 7:31-37*

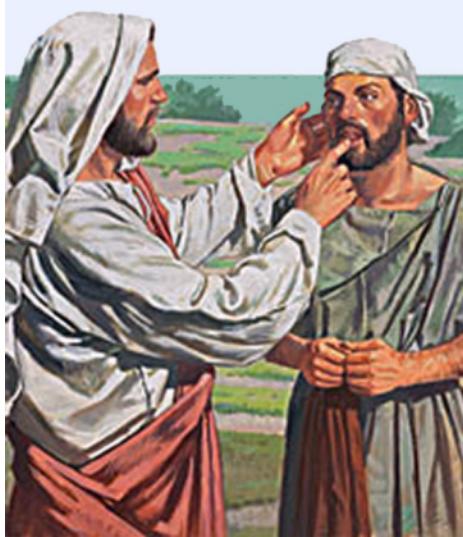
'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'

## Communion Antiphon:

*Cf. Ps 41: 2-3*

**Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**

## Gospel

*Mark 7:31-37*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.'

And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

## Reflection from Fr James McCarthy

There was an elderly man who was talking to his doctor. "Doctor, I think my wife's going deaf." The doctor answered, "Well, here's something you can try to test her hearing. Stand some distance away from her without facing her and ask her a question. If she doesn't answer, move a little closer and ask again. Keep repeating this until she answers. Then you'll be able to tell just how hard of hearing she really is." The man went home and followed the doctor's orders. He walked in the door and asked, "Darling, what's for dinner?" He didn't hear an answer, so he moved closer to her. "Darling, what's for dinner?" Still no answer. He repeated this several times, until he stood just one foot away from her. Finally, she answered, "For the eleventh time, I said we're having pasta!"

Many Christians are deaf to our world, and it would seem at times that there are even more of us who have no words to speak to the situations of our times. Medically, most Christians are not deaf or dumb, but spiritually, many have an inability to listen to God and an inability to speak about our Christian faith.

The central theme of this week's readings is an invitation to become humble instruments of God. The first reading reminds us that God is constantly focused on the helpless. In the second reading, the apostle James (James 2:1-5) warns about the temptation of giving preference to the wealthy, while neglecting the poor. And the gospel describes how Jesus, by healing a deaf

**The Parish Bulletin****Acknowledgement of the land**

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Wallumattagal clan, part of the Dharug people of the Eoira nation. We walk gently on the land, sharing it with them as we now work and live on it.

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**Welcome to St Michael's Church -**

**Meadowbank!** A warm welcome to all attendees and visitors to our church! May you find our parish community a place where your faith life will be nourished and you will take up the invitation to share your special gifts and talents. Your prayers, presence, talents and skills are most welcome.

**REFLECTION ....CONTINUED**

and mute man, fulfils Isaiah's prophecy, "the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped".

The illnesses listed by Isaiah: "the blind, deaf, lame and mute" are symbolic of interior sufferings which every person can easily suffer from.

**We can be blind** to seeing Christ in our neighbours, our friends or our enemies. At times it can be hard to want to see Christ in them or to love them like Christ. Seeing and loving others the way Christ does was a challenge for great saints and it is a challenge for humble sinners like ourselves.

**We can be deaf** and have an unwillingness to listen to God's voice in our lives. Our culture is a noisy culture and silence can be rare. Intentionally welcoming moments of silence when we are in the car, at work or at home, can allow us to hear the voice of God in the midst of our daily experiences. Many Christians today are spiritually deaf to God.

*Do we listen and spend time quietly praying and thinking about the ways of God in our lives?*

*Do we, like most people, fill every moment we are awake with activity and noise?*

Some people say that we should be praying that God will call more men and women to serve as priests and religious – and we should be praying. But the vocation shortage around the world is not because God is not doing his job. God is doing his job. Rather the main reason for the shortage and the decline in faith amongst young people is because many of us have forgotten to seek and to listen to the will of God in our lives.

**We can be mute and dumb** and have an inability to speak words of praise and gratitude. Never speaking up for the good news of Christ's salvation and resurrection, and never defending Christ and his Church are examples of being mute in our world today. It can be easy to give-in to the fear of confrontation and rejection, and decide to simply remain silent when someone attacks the Church, our faith or our morality. It can be even easier to stand-by and not say an encouraging word, a word of wisdom or peace. But a follower of Christ should be willing to proclaim the message of Christ confidently and boldly, while always remain gentle with the love of God.

The only way to know **how to speak of Christ to others** is to **spend time in quiet prayer**, reflecting on the great things of God and praying about how we are each called to be instruments of God today.

What we see in today's gospel is not simply the healing of a physical defect, but a tangible sign of the **transforming power of God's Love**. This power is working in all of our lives to transform sorrow into joy, sickness into health, death into new life. The dumb man who was unable to communicate symbolizes **our own communication problems** with God and with each other. In order to proclaim God's message, each of us need to be transformed, not once and not twice, but every day.

**Download & Sync Parish Calendar.** The parish calendar

of activities is available for download from the Parish Website. It is updated on a daily basis. If you use a google calendar, it is very easy to include the calendar in your own calendar by simply hitting the + button located on the parish homepage: [www.stmichaelsmeadowbank.org.au](http://www.stmichaelsmeadowbank.org.au)

## Collections Update from 2-September

Thank you for the generosity of all parishioners. Please note the new adjusted weekly targets in order to reach our budget.

**1st Collection (assists clergy): \$1130 (\$240 under target)**

*New 1st Collection weekly target to cover costs: \$1350*

**2nd Collection (parish costs): \$1703 (\$270 under target)**

*New 2nd Collection weekly target to cover costs: \$1977*

**Priests Retirement Foundation Collection: \$1950**

(Thank you for your great kindness for our retired priests.)

### 10 Child Safe Standards

*that the Catholic Church values and commits to implement.*

1. Child safety is embedded in institutional leadership, governance and culture.
2. Children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.
3. Families and communities are informed and involved.
4. Equity is upheld and diverse needs are taken into account.
5. People working with children are suitable and supported.
6. Processes to respond to complaints of child sexual abuse are child focused.
7. Staff and Volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training.
8. Physical and online environments minimise the opportunity for abuse to occur.
9. Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved.
10. Policies and procedures document how the Church is child safe.

*For more information on safeguarding and child protection, visit [www.sydneycatholic.org](http://www.sydneycatholic.org)*

## Upcoming Parish Bible Program

There will be a 7 week bible study course titled “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible” being offered in the Parish, starting on Monday 22 October and concluding on 3 December. It will be led by Charbel Raish of Parousia Media with a video format. Cost will be \$10 per person for the entire program.

For more info, contact Elsa Manu on 0433 914 230.

## Internationally Renowned Speaker Coming to Meadowbank in October

Fr Larry Richards, a gifted and captivating speaker, preacher and best selling US-author, will be coming to our Parish for one night only during his upcoming Australian tour. He will speak for 1 hour on the topic: “The Mass Explained.” **The event will occur on Monday 15 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.** This is a free event sponsored by the Parish and Sydney Catholic Schools. Fr Larry will be addressing his talk both to regular parishioners but also to those who might find the Mass a little boring or irrelevant in their lives. Please invite friends to attend this special night.

## Catholic Mission Annual Appeal will be held Next Weekend - 15/16 September.

This year we are invited to help to heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo of Myanmar, the church is developing an alternative system of quality education, with comprehensive teacher training programs and the establishment of new schools, especially in remote areas. It has been called an “education revolution”, and the potential impact is far-reaching. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously to this important work. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a regular giver.

For more info: call 1800 257 296 or [catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar](http://catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar)

## PULPIT POINTS 9-September

- Remembering the forgotten
- Australia doing well fighting abuse - Vatican expert
- Blessing of the fleet looms
- The ice hockey-loving chief executive
- Movie review: Operation Finale
- New Carmel: One step closer

## Meadowbank Parish 70th Anniversary and St Michael's Feast Celebrations

### Parish Retreat Day: Saturday 8 September

Begins with Mass at 9.15am, followed by testimonies, reflections and meditations - concluding at 1pm. Attendees are asked to bring finger food for a shared lunch at 12.15pm.

### Novena of St Michael the Archangel: begins on 21 September:

Will occur at the conclusion of every Mass until 29 September (Feast Day of St Michael). Novena cards will be provided.

### Day of Prayer, Adoration and Reconciliation:

22 September - 3pm to 6pm. Parish Groups are invited to lead prayer and praise for 30 minutes at a time. Adoration and Reconciliation available throughout the afternoon. Concludes with Benediction at 5.50pm. More details in future weeks.

### Anniversary Mass and Dinner Dance Celebration:

Saturday 29 September - Mass at 5.30pm, followed by dinner at 7pm for 7.30pm at the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club. Thank you to all who have booked. The night is looking at being a great celebration.

### St Michael's Feast Day Family Mass and

Family Fun Day: Sunday 30 September - Mass at 10am, followed by Lunch and fun around the parish. Children are invited to dress as Archangel Michael or as any angel, especially at Mass. After Mass there will be jumping castles, scavenger hunt, games for the adults and for children. Lunch will be a BBQ with a gold coin donation, with cakes and food to share. Please invite your friends for this great day to celebrate our Parish.

## Sacramental Programs 2018

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Enrolment Masses - 15-16 Sept

All Candidates are to enrol online prior to the Masses on the weekend of 15-16. Candidates are then to attend the Mass on that weekend and submit the necessary paperwork at the conclusion of the Mass. Information letter and dates are available on Parish website.

## Come sing with Us!

All singers are invited to join the choir for the annual CCD Mass held in St. Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday 23rd September 2018 at 2 p.m. Singers will be required to attend a rehearsal in the cathedral at 1 p.m. on the day and also at St. Charles Borromeo Church Victoria Road - Ryde on Wednesday 12th September at 7.30 p.m.

If you wish to sing, please register with Gabrielle Claridge [gabclaridge@gmail.com](mailto:gabclaridge@gmail.com) or Anita Lee [Anita.Lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Anita.Lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au)



**NEXT  
WEEKEND**

## Roster: 15 / 16 September 2018

Time	Acolyte	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
<b>6:00PM Vigil</b>	Jim Lemcke	Sue Metzmacher Sr Margaret Barry	1 David Doring 2 Gemma Martin 3 Henaa Jawher 4 Joseph J K 5 Liz Paricka 6 Mark Pereira
<b>8:00AM</b>	Stephen Topple	Odette Sequeira Maureen Fairbairn	Judith Orrock Marie Bennett
<b>10:00AM</b>	John Fillion	Nelyn Gasataya Leony Hamor	1 Joel Tabuso 2 Felicity Donnelly 3 Connie Buttigieg 4 Lala Tabuso 5 Maureen Richardson 6 Joan D'souza

## Liturgy for this week (10 - 16 September 2018)

### Sacraments:

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 5:15pm-5.45pm

**Devotions: Prayer for Priests:** 8:45am every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

**Morning Prayer:** 7:40AM every Sunday

**Rosary:** 8:50am on weekdays before the Mass (except Friday)

Friday before Mass : **Silent Prayer**

### Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

8:15am-9:15am every Friday

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**Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet** - Wednesdays after AM Mass

### Weekday Services this week:

9:15am - **Communion Service:** Monday to Thursday

9:15am - **Weekday Mass:** Friday, Saturday

### Weekend Masses:

6:00pm - Saturday Vigil Mass

8:00am & 10:00am - Sunday (*Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass*)

**The Piety Stall** is open on the 1st & 3rd weekends of the month. Our next opening will be on Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th September.

### Church Cleaning Roster for September

Sarah Magsakay, Henna, Colleen McGuire, Sue Lobo

LINEN- Ancy Joy (Weekly), Carolyn Thomas (End of month)

VACUUM ROSTER- Suzy Curro

### Women's Morning with Karen Doyle - "The Feminine Genius"

Karen Doyle - mother of three, author, speaker and founder of Sisterhood Catholic Women's Movement and will be coming to St Michael's Meadowbank on **Monday 10 September 9:30-10:30am**. Karen will share her story and powerful insights on being a woman and living a more fulfilled life. For more information please contact Elsa Manu on 0433914230 or elsa.manu@syd.catholic.edu.au. All parishioners and guests are most welcome. Cost is Free. Morning tea served from 9am. Please enter via the school office.



**Prayer to St Michael the Archangel.** Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## Parish Weekly Mass Offerings

Communion services will be offered from Monday until Thursday this week at 9.15am. Fr James will be on annual retreat this week.

Friday 14th September 2018 9:15am

Remembrance Mass for Yuet Chuen Lok and Yuet

Ngor Wong Lok

Fr Alt to celebrate the Mass - Yr 6 Grade Mass

Saturday 15th September 2018 9:15am

Mass for the Holy Souls

**NOTE:** Only One Mass Offering can be received per day.

## Saints of the Week

**Wed 12** The Most Holy Name of Mary

**Thu 13** Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor

**Fri 14** THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Feast

**Sat 15** Our Lady of Sorrows MARY Feast

## St Michael's Playgroup

Every Thursday 9-11am in the Parish Hall  
Children ages 0-5 welcome. Enter via the school gate on Hughes St. Cost \$2 and a piece of fruit to share  
Free play, sing song, story-time, art/craft and lots more! For more information on either of the above, contact Elsa Manu elsa.manu@syd.catholic.edu.au

## Become a Catechist Now.

All Christians are called through our baptism to teach and help bring others to the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. A rewarding and outreach activity is to become a Catechist by sharing your faith with children in our local public schools. Ring **Judith Orrock on 98742825** if you are interested. You will be trained in conducting a class, what to teach and provided all teaching materials to make you a successful catechist.

**The Annual Catechist Mass** will be held at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 23rd September commencing at 2pm followed by refreshments. Awards given will include Felisa Tan and Evelyn Stiffle for 20 years service in schools. Congratulations and thank you both.

## Are you new to the Parish?

Welcome. It is great to have you here. Please make our parish part of your home, and feel welcome to bring experiences from your previous parish to our community. Please register as a parishioner and complete a parish census form at the office. Page 4